

I. AMENDMENTS

Amendment of the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, the polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity, and

(b) a polynucleotide that is fully complementary to the polynucleotide of (a).

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) An isolated corynebacterial polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide that is identical to SEQ ID NO: 1 encoding a polypeptide containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, the polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity, and

(b) a polynucleotide that is fully complementary to the polynucleotide of (a).

8-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A member of the coryneform group of bacteria transformed by the polynucleotide according to claims 5 or 7.

23. (Previously Presented) Bacteria according to claim 22, wherein the bacteria are of the genus *Corynebacterium*.

24-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claims 5 or 7.

29. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 28, wherein said vector is an expression vector.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) An isolated host cell comprising the vector of claim 28.

32. (Previously Presented) A host cell of claim 31 that is a prokaryotic cell.

33. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently amended) ~~An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence~~ Plasmid expression vector pXK_{gpmexp} contained in deposit DSM13456.

36. (Canceled)